

It is imperative that we learn as much as we can about Enron's behavior—so that we know its impact on the western energy markets and so that this type of fraud and manipulation can be prevented from ever happening again.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

TRIBUTE TO ROBERT CLIFFORD UERZ

• Mr. JEFFORDS. Mr. President, today I pay tribute to Robert Clifford Uerz, an outstanding Vermonter and a national leader in the not-for-profit sector. As he prepares to retire from his position as president and CEO of the American Lung Association of Vermont, it is important to reflect on how much one person can accomplish in serving others.

Robert "Bob" Uerz has had a distinguished career with the American Lung Association. He has served the organization for a quarter of a century working in various chapters in the States of New York, Connecticut, and most recently serving in Vermont.

Bob has been on the forefront of the association's efforts in Vermont to carry forward its worthy goals of reducing the presence of lung disease and improving lung health in our communities through preventive measures.

He was the primary force in establishing the American Lung Association's Asthma Clinical Research Center at the University of Vermont, an institution that has served Vermonters and others by advancing medical knowledge through research. I was indeed impressed with the national implications of this study and responded by securing \$500,000 in Federal funds to further our understanding of ways to prevent and treat asthma.

Bob has proven himself to be an effective educator and advocate in Vermont by striving to protect and improve the quality of indoor and outdoor air and by expanding services to residents with lung disease or those at risk of developing lung disease. His leadership was key to the establishment of the Better Breathers Support Group Network in Vermont.

Bob has always brought a high level of integrity and dignity to every task. It has become impossible to separate the identity and good name of the American Lung Association of Vermont from the name of Robert Clifford Uerz.

Bob's unwavering commitment toward improving the quality of life of Vermonters of all ages is a model for all who aspire to lead in the not-for-profit sector. The people of our Green Mountain State are truly indebted to him. He has our best wishes for the future.●

LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT ACT OF 2003

• Mr. SMITH. Mr. President, I rise today to speak about the need for hate

crimes legislation. On May 1, 2003, Senator KENNEDY and I introduced the Local Law Enforcement Enhancement Act, a bill that would add new categories to current hate crimes law, sending a signal that violence of any kind is unacceptable in our society.

One such crime occurred on November 18, 2001 in Huntington, WV. Michael Fife, 28, was beaten, robbed of \$20 and left in an alley for dead while walking home from a gay nightclub. Mr. Fife suffered a fractured skull and internal bleeding. Due to a rash of hate crimes biased against gays in the area, some believe that Mr. Fife may have been attacked because the alleged perpetrators thought he was gay.

I believe that Government's first duty is to defend its citizens, to defend them against the harms that come out of hate. The Local Law Enforcement Enhancement Act is a symbol that can become substance. I believe that by passing this legislation and changing current law, we can change hearts and minds as well.●

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-7780. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Plum Pox Compensation" (Doc. No. 00-035-3) received on June 1, 2004; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-7781. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Review Group, Commodity Credit Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Flexible Marketing Allotments for Sugar" (RIN0560-AH08) received on June 1, 2004; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-7782. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Nonvaluron; Pesticide Tolerance" (FRL#7359-2) received on June 1, 2004; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-7783. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Streptomyces Iydicus WYEC 108; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance" (FRL#7361-3) received on June 1, 2004; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-7784. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Overseas Surplus Property"; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-7785. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to an amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-7786. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursu-

ant to law, a report relative to the Senate Armed Services Committee Report 107-62 relative to the use of decision support information tools to impact clinical outcomes and the quality of care in the Military Health System; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-7787. A communication from the Chairman and President, Export-Import Bank of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report of a transaction involving U.S. exports to the Republic of Korea (South Korea); to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-7788. A communication from the Fiscal Assistant Secretary, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Government Securities Act Amendments of 1993; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-7789. A communication from the Fiscal Assistant Secretary, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Government Securities Act Amendments of 1993; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-7790. A communication from the General Counsel, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination confirmed for the position of Secretary, Department of Housing and Urban Development, received on June 1, 2004; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-7791. A communication from the General Counsel, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination for the position of Deputy Secretary-Designate, Department of Housing and Urban Development, received on June 1, 2004; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-7792. A communication from the Acting General Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Flood Elevation Determinations; 65 FR 17606" (44 CFR 67) received on June 1, 2004; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-7793. A communication from the Acting General Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Changes in Flood Elevation Determinations; 65 FR 17600" (44 CFR 65) received on June 1, 2004; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-7794. A communication from the Acting General Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Flood Elevation Determinations; 64 FR 17312" (44 CFR 67) received on June 1, 2004; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-7795. A communication from the Acting General Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Suspension of Community Eligibility; 64 FR 17310" (44 CFR 64) received on June 1, 2004; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-7796. A communication from the Acting General Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Flood Elevation Determinations; 65 FR 17608" (44 CFR 67) received on June 1, 2004; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-7797. A communication from the Acting General Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland

Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Flood Elevation Determinations; 65 FR 17597" (44 CFR 65) received on June 1, 2004; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-7798. A communication from the President, Federal Financing Bank, transmitting, pursuant to law, the management report of the Bank for Fiscal Year 2003; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-7799. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulations, Office of the Secretary, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Implementation of Requirement in HUD Programs for Use of Data Universal Numbering Systems (DUNS) Identifier" (RIN2501-AD01) received on June 1, 2004; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-7800. A communication from the Chairman, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Board's 90th Annual Report which covers the Board's operations for calendar year 2003; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-7801. A communication from the Secretary of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the Office of Inspector General for the Department of Labor for the period October 1, 2003 through March 31, 2004; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-7802. A communication from the Deputy Director for Management, Executive Office of the President, Office of Management and Budget, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Administration's competitive sourcing initiative; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-7803. A communication from the Administrator, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the President's Management Agenda; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-7804. A communication from the Chairman, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the Office of Inspector General for the period ending March 31, 2004; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-7805. A communication from the Chairman, Board of Governors, Postal Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the Office of Inspector General for the period ending March 31, 2004; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-7806. A communication from the Director, Office of Personnel Management, Division for Strategic Human Resources Policy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Rule on Repayment of Student Loans" received on June 1, 2004; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-7807. A communication from the Chairman and General Counsel, National Labor Relations Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Board's Program Performance Report for Fiscal Year 2003; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-7808. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, Office of the Federal Register, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Addresses Change for Inspection of Materials Incorporated by Reference" received on June 1, 2004; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-7809. A communication from the Director of the Federal Register, National Archives and Records Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report relative to a rule entitled "Addresses Change for Materials Incorporated by Reference" received on June 1, 2004; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-7810. A communication from the Executive Director, Interstate Commission on the Potomac River Basin, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Sixty-Third Financial Statement for the period of October 1, 2002 through September 30, 2003; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-7811. A communication from the Chairman, Federal Maritime Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's report required by the Government in the Sunshine Act for calendar year 2003; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-7812. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Acquisition Policy, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Acquisition Regulation; Federal Acquisition Circular 2001-22" (FAC2001-22) received on June 1, 2004; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-7813. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Acquisition Policy, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Acquisition Regulation; Federal Acquisition Circular 2001-21" (FAC2001-21) received on June 1, 2004; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-7814. A communication from the President and Chief Executive Officer, Overseas Private Investment Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, several annual reports from the Corporation in relation to the Foreign Assistance Act; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-7815. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the Office of Inspector General for the period ending March 31, 2004; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-7816. A communication from the Secretary to the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, Council Resolution 15-514, "Sense of the Council on Opposing a Constitutional Marriage Amendment Resolution of 2004"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-7817. A communication from the Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Office's report to Congress on agencies' use of the Federal student loan repayment program in Fiscal Year 2003; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-7818. A communication from the Chairman, Railroad Retirement Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the Office of Inspector General for the period ending March 31, 2004; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-7819. A communication from the Acting Director of Communications and Legislative Affairs, Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's Fiscal Year 2003 Performance and Accountability Report; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-7820. A communication from the Deputy Archivist of the United States, National Archives and Records Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Micrographic Records Management" (RIN3095-AB06) received on June 1, 2004; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-7821. A communication from the Deputy Archivist of the United States, National Archives and Records Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Records Disposition" (RIN3095-AB01) received on June 1, 2004; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-7822. A communication from the Regulations Coordinator, Food and Drug Adminis-

tration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Eligibility Determination for Donors of Human Cells, Tissues, and Cellular and Tissue-Based Products; Final Rule and Notice" (RIN0910-AB27) received on June 1, 2004; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-7823. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a financial report required by the Prescription Drug User Fee Act of 1992; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-7824. A communication from the Director, Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Secondary Direct Food Additives Permitted in Food for Human Consumption" (Doc. No. 2002F-0181) received on June 1, 2004; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-7825. A communication from the Director, Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Bar Code Label Requirement for Human Drug Products and Biological Products; Correction" (Doc. No. 2002N-0204) received on June 1, 2004; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-7826. A communication from the Director, Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Prior Notice of Imported Food Under the Public Health Security and Biodefense Preparedness and Response Act of 2002; Reopening of Comment Period" (Doc. No. 2002N-0278) received on June 1, 2004; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-7827. A communication from the Director, Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Registration of Food Facilities Under the Public Health Security and Biodefense Preparedness and Response Act of 2002; Reopening of Comment Period" (Doc. No. 2002N-0276) received on June 1, 2004; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-7828. A communication from the Director, Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Removal of Delegations of Authority and Conforming Changes to Regulations" (Doc. No. 2002N-0142) received on June 1, 2004; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-7829. A communication from the Director, Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Indirect Food Additives; Polymers; Technical Amendment" (Doc. No. 1996F-0176) received on June 1, 2004; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-7830. A communication from the Regulations Coordinator, Center for Disease Control, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Procedure for Designating Classes of Employees as Members of the Special Exposure Cohort Under the Energy Employees Occupational Illness Program Act of 2000" (RIN0920-AA07) received on June 1, 2004; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted: